

**#32 Illumination; Follow The Vindicated Word Of The Hour**

**1** Shall we pray. Heavenly Father, we're grateful for Your Presence, we know in Whom we have believed and know Who is here this hour, that what is actually progressing, what is going on, Lord, we are conscious of that, at least in the sense that we do know from the revealed Word, which is that starting place, to accept that mechanical revealed Word, until it finally comes to life within us and the last promise, the great mystery, will not just be a Word because it's there in the Bible and anybody can read it, but there'll be a people who are changed from mortality to immortality and corruptibility to incorruptibility, and then to go with the arisen dead to meet the Lord. These things we know are in progress, and we thank You for them Lord, and by grace we believe we're a part of it. We pray You'll instruct us further in Your Word tonight that we may not only know the truth, but rather also it might be enriched and enlivened to us, and then Father it might come forth in this hour in us, whatever You desire to come forth, Lord, which the prophet already indicated to be good Christian lives, we trust that shall be so. Bless us tonight, therefore, and we give You praise, in Jesus' Name. Amen. You may be seated.

**2** Now we're on message number thirty-two of Leadership, and this message on Leadership we found Bro. Branham bringing to these Full Gospel Businessmen, and remember this is the Laodicean hour, this is the chaff hour, this is the Pentecostal hour. Now we're not naming them just because we might have an axe to grind with them, we could have an axe to grind with the Lutherans, at least the Pentecostals aren't dead. The Lutherans are deader than doornails, I mean the Methodists, they've pretty well gone to prohibition programs, and I don't think they're worth a plug nickel, because it's likely you'll find they've got as much booze under the table or down in the cellar as anybody else. We could also find great problems with the Lutherans, because they've pretty well gone back to Catholicism, like the Anglicans.

But what we're doing is looking here at the actual fact of the matter that Bro. Branham by vindication pointed this out. And there's nothing you're going to do against vindication, I mean that's 'THUS SAITH THE LORD'. So this is the chaff hour and the chaff people, and we're not anxious to club them. But the point is that he has gone to them, and this is the last message literally to them, and you will notice that the hierarchy of the Pentecostal church literally committed themselves to these Full Gospel Businessmen in the strength that these men had a know how, and they could take an actual business approach to the gospel. It's the same old story. "Give us the tools, we'll get the job done. Give us the tools; get the job done. Give us the tools." What are the tools? Money, money, money, money, money. And when the money comes, ho-ho-ho. Just check out the guys on TV, and the big programs. Just check it out. It's something like the cancer society. They've got more people working for the cancer society corporation than they've got cancer patients. So with the billions of dollars coming in, I think they tell me four percent actually goes to the poor people that really need care, that's marvelous. If I was going to give money anywhere, I want to trace down where it's going to go.

**3** But you see, these guys here, they make all the preachers and everybody with these greedy gut eyes, they're fully enamored that "Hey, we can have it all. We can have it all right here." And then they talk about the great Rapture coming. And what they're trying to tell you is, "We can have it all, and we're going to make everything so wonderful, and all these promises come in because the world's going to hear the gospel, everybody's going to hear, and then shall the end come." You see, they've got their eyes on a condition, which says the gospel of the Kingdom shall be heard, and then the end will come. But they don't know the first thing about, "Behold, I send Elijah."

So if you like for instance, you go downtown and you're going to buy a car. And this guy's sharp enough to sell

you a car without a motor. Well good for you. Be a... what do you call... what is it? A Freddy Flintstone, and pedal your car. You wouldn't be putting the pedal to the metal; you'll be putting your feet to the concrete. I mean, this is ridiculous. But he simply can't strike fire with them. Except the fire of vengeance, they don't like him.

So he's bringing this message to the cream of the crop, and the intelligent... well the entrepreneurs, whatever you want to call them, of the last day movement. Now remember the last day movement says, "We're rich and increased in goods." So if there weren't a group of people at the end time vaunting their great increase in goods, and calling it a great blessing of the Lord, quoting especially John, "Beloved, I wish above all else you might prosper and be in health as your soul prospers," and other scripture like "Give and it shall be given to you, good measure," you know, "press down, heaped up, and running over." But Jesus added a little bit of a different twist to that. He said, "With what measure do you meet?" So if you're going to give nickel's, don't expect God to give you a thousand dollars back, I'm not saying it couldn't happen. You give dollars, you get dollars, you give tens, you get tens, twenty's, you get twenty's, fifty's, you get fifty's. Now that's at the time that you're really trusting God.

**4** So there's a lot of things that these men are talking about, and they're fishing for people with greed. See? And so he's talking to them at this end time, and he's bringing a message that they could not receive, they could not comprehend. Now they couldn't receive it, because it wasn't for them. But perhaps there was a few amongst them that could listen. They couldn't comprehend it. You talk to people right today about this Message and they'll say, "You can't preach Bro. Branham from those books and all." You can't? Then you don't know the Message and you're not a real Branhamite. You're not an end time Bride that's come to the prophet, because any man that says he can't do that, well, he might never have been called. That's why he can't do it. That's likely the first thing there. The next thing is, does he really know that he's got a contact with God through reality?

And then he was thoroughly misunderstood; the message was thoroughly misunderstood to be a rebuke only, instead of a correction. Now remember correction goes to legitimate children. The illegitimate cannot be corrected. Now the correction first of all lies in the revelation of the Word of God, God Himself to the people, and giving them an understanding. It's not the few things that they're supposed to do, that are mechanical, that anybody can do. Because you can even extend yourself to the place of giving all your goods to the poor, just work yourself to death, day and night, and give everything, and every now and then you'll read accounts in the paper how that people just live to help others, and that's wonderful. That's wonderful. The Bible says you can give everything you've got, shirt off your back, forget it, you're not born again. You can even give your body to be burned, forget it. You can come to a high place of philosophy, education, civilization, just get the very apex, it doesn't mean a thing. Though I know all mysteries, and I'm not full of the Holy Ghost, I don't have a thing. You see? So they thoroughly misunderstood that Bro. Branham came to bring correction and illumination.

**5** Now let's just look at illumination here for a little bit, although I'm not going to use that word, Paul does use the word 'illuminated' I think to the Galatians, but in Ephesians 5, he said,

- (1) (You) be therefore followers of God, as dear children;
- (2) And walk in love, as Christ (has) also loved us, and given himself for an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.

Now watch what it says here. You can blow this verse of scripture plumb out of the water, and put your own thoughts to love, but this love that we're to have as Christ loved us, is defined, watch:

- (2) And walk in love, as Christ also (walked in love. There's certain things he did, see? And) loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.

He's telling you that this love that was manifested by Jesus was a love, which was already foreshown and foretold

and foreknown in scripture. And then we see the predestination of it. This love. So a person trying to do anything, especially service toward God without the definitive revelation, without being born again, he could find himself in a problem, because now he's worshipping God contrary to the Word, not in spirit and in truth, and his worship is in vain, in other words it doesn't do one bit of good, doesn't profit one little bit, because he's got the traditions of men.

Now see the point is you can say, "Well I believe love covers it all." Love covers it all? What are you talking about? Well, say the point is that now abides faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love. And you also know the scripture that there is, what does he say now? That a person loves there's no sin. But they don't realize that they're not talking about this human love, we're talking about that which has to line with the Word of Almighty God. But anyway, we've been all through that.

## 6 But notice:

- (3) But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
- (4) Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.
- (5) For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of (God and) Christ.

Well it tells you right there that people living those lives, they're not born again. The love of God is not in them. No way, shape, and form. Now watch:

- (6) Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

And my question is: when? Now he said it's going to happen. Now he said up here,

- (1) Be ye followers of God, as dear children;

Make your life one of sacrifice. All right, now go back to the Old Testament. Every single sacrifice had to be a hundred percent with the Word. If it wasn't, forget it. The place of worship, a hundred percent with the Word. See, you make everything according to the pattern of the mount. And then when Moses built the ark, God literally anointed men with the Holy Ghost, like Bezaleel, who no doubt didn't know for one minute that he could do the marvelous things that his hands could do in gold and silver and brass, it's just like he was a magician. He was so anointed by God, it was a tremendous gift given to him.

## 7 So he says here now:

- (6) Let no man deceive you... because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.
- (7) Be not ye therefore partakers with them.
- (8) For ye were sometimes darkness, but now (you're) light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

Now let's go back to my favorite chapter Romans 1, and let's take a look at it.

- (18) For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Now it tells you right there that they had the truth and they hold it back. They're like the cross dog and the manger. Like Jesus said, "You don't go in, you won't let anybody else in." See?

(19) Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

In other words, the revelation that God has given every time is a revelation that can go right down into the soul. It's a revelation of true faith. Now then it says:

(20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, (in other words no man has a right to be an atheist.) being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; they are without excuse:

**8** So now you've got two groups of people. You've got them that absolutely can see nature, and they have no right to turn it down. There are those that know in their hearts this is a revelation, and it doesn't say that they receive it.

(21) Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their (reasonings), and their foolish hearts darkened.

(22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

(23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and birds, (and so on.)

(24) (So) God gave them (over) to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, dishonour their own bodies (and so on, right down the line.)

Now see as you go back here, it says, [Ephesians 5]

(7) Be not partakers with (these people, unclean, covetous, unholy, and so on, don't partake with them.)

(8) (Now you were once with them,) but now (you) are light in the Lord: (now since you are, you) walk as children of light: (Now children of light would never do those things.)

(9) (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) (Now we know righteousness has to do and unrighteousness, that's a matter of worship. Now watch:)

(10) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

Now how can anybody prove anything? See that's what you're looking at. See? How can you prove anything? People get together and they argue the Bible, they argue philosophy, but to prove something is that thing that you agree to. The precepts by which you live based upon whatever force you're depending on or believing in. That you're agreeing with these precepts have to do with this force.

**9** Now how can you prove that your precepts belong to that force? Now spiritism does the most stupid... oh man, they're just crazy. Anybody in spiritism believes any bunch of junk under God's high heaven. Now these folk here evidently have had to come in contact with the proof. Because Paul says here, "You were dark like this bunch over here in Romans." All these Gentiles, because these Ephesians are Gentiles. "You're all messed up, filthy, just heathen to the core, and you know how licentious your worship was and everything else, what an ungodly mess." Now he says,

(10) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

So therefore they understood Paul's vindication, because why would you depend upon anything that hasn't been proven? Because look what they came out of. Now if you can't prove that what they're into now is literally the

Voice of God, why would you give up what you're into? Because the fact of the matter is that you wouldn't have anything better than just living hog wild. Even Paul said, "If in this life only I have hope in Christ, we're of all men most miserable." You know? There. So,

(11) Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

**10** Now on what grounds can you reprove them? That you've got a theory that's better than the other guy's theory? Now Bro. Branham came to the Shiites, and the Janis, the Muslims, and he proved Who was the living God, and it certainly wasn't Allah. My understanding Allah is the name of a devil, now they make it God. It's still a devil. Even their writers understand that.

(12) (It's) a shame to speak of those things (that) are done of them in secret.

(13) But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light:

Now these things here we're talking about can actually be ceremonial parts of religion. Filthy, sexual things have always been part of religion. And they always will be. Because that's where the devil's first trap was. Now he says,

(13) All (these) things are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

**11** So he's talking about the fact that whatever comes forth as the true revelation of what life is all about, and what the unseen is about, and the hereafter, the reason for existence, all of those things have been proven by manifestation. In other words, you've got vindication here as it was with Moses, as with Paul, with Jesus, with William Branham, with the prophets of God, all of them, it's right down the line. See? Now watch what he says to these people, and remember:

(6) Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Now the vain words, which we saw in Romans, give forth to a terrible filthy condition in the world. And it's not only a horrible filthy condition of natural brute beast made to be taken and destroyed, which is cannon fodder, or atomic bomb fodder, you've now got all those that are religious, and make all these claims of righteousness, that they don't do these things, that they're a good godly people. See?

**12** Now,

(14) He (said), Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, (now they're not dead, they're just sleeping, and it's at the end time when the wrath of God is going to come upon the children of disobedience.)

Now it doesn't say the children of obedience. It says the children of disobedience, and the disobedient child was born to Eve by her disobedience to the Word of Almighty God, and it's always a bastard child. It's a perversion. So,

(14) ...Awake (you) that sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give (you) light.

At the time of vindication or manifestation, the manifestation speaks back to the Word, so that you know what Word you are to follow. Now Paul said there's many voices in the air, and no doubt he said they've got something to tell you, but of course they're not going to tell us anything. Now,

(14) (You awake you that are asleep, amongst the dead,) and Christ shall give thee light.

Now you notice that follows vindication. If a person doesn't accept the vindicated prophet, they're not going to have any light. That's what I'm driving at here, in this message of Bro. Branham.

**13** Then it says,

(15) See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

See? Now he's not talking about foolish virgin even, he's talking about these foolish people. Now only you'll notice only the wise, which are your wise virgin, are going to get in there.

(16) Redeeming the time, (for) the days are evil.

(17) (Be not therefore) unwise, (now don't even be foolish virgin,) but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Now remember the foolish virgin, the oil leaked out of their vessels. And their vessels could not contain the oil, because it was an old Message. See, they didn't realize as Bro. Branham said, if it's a true healing revival, a new Message follows.

**14** So all right, these people could not understand that Bro. Branham was a source of correction and illumination for the last hour. Now very, very few people did. In this message Bro. Branham revealed the Presence of Elohim Himself, and proved it by the vindication of a ministry like unto Deuteronomy 18, and Rom 15:18-19. Now Deuteronomy is Moses' vindication, Rom 15:18,19 is Paul's vindication. That God Himself was present and appearing in signs and wonders, and declared by a prophet, was entirely alien to them, so that in no way could they accept 1 Th 4:16. Which is also 1 Corinthians 15, which is 'The Lord Himself descend from heaven with a Shout to put His Own church in order.' Getting all things under the feet of Jesus Christ. Now you know the all things under the feet of Jesus Christ is got to be a Bride. So He's going to bring forth the entire Bride, the Gentile Bride, unto Jesus Christ. Wherein God Himself had come down to take full authority over His church, and thereby had removed all authority of leadership from every single person, except the one mentioned in Rev 3:20. "Behold I stand at the door and knock, and if any man hear My Voice and open the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with Me," which of course is Rev 10:1-7. The mighty God Himself coming down at that time.

**15** This in turn was now Jn 14:8-12. So let's go back and read it. All right,

(8) Philip (said), Lord, shew us the Father, it sufficeth us.

(9) Jesus (said), Have I been so long with you, and (you have) not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? (See?)

(10) Believest thou not I am in the Father, and the Father in me?

Now just looking at him, forget it. Just forget it. Anybody could say that, any philosopher, any deadbeat, anybody who wants to come along and make a name for himself. And they're doing it all the time, and the funny thing is goof-off, crazy people are believing it. You can tell people the truth and they look at you, "Huh?" And tell them some crazy stupid thing, "Hey I like that!" I mean, my God, this is pitiful.

(10) Believest thou not I am in the Father, and the Father in me? (Now he explains it.) the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, and he doeth the works.

**16** So right here Jesus is telling you that he doesn't talk except by God's authority. There again, how can Jesus be God, because what authority does God need to talk? He is the authority. See, He's omniscient, omnipotent.

(11) Believe me that I am in the Father, the Father in me: or believe me for the very works' sake.

In other words he's putting the thing out here, can you take this all in one lump? If you can't, hold steady and go back to Moses. Didn't Moses say that there was one coming with 'THUS SAITH THE LORD', whose vindicated ministry would make you to know that he's Messiah? Doesn't every prophet have to come that way, vindicated of God?

**17** Now watch in 12:

(12) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Now this is the Alpha, but now we have the end time. And this of course is Matthew 12, if you want to go there sometime and read it; we've read it many times. Now there can be no doubt that this great ministry for this time, this great ministry of vindication and manifestation which is to bring light, to prove that it's God, then to prove you're hearing from God, is Jn 1:1-18. We'd have to read it all even.

**18** (1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

(2) The same was in the beginning with God.

(3) All things were made by him; without him was not any thing made that was made.

Now you can go on down further, and we'll just go to verse 18, though:

(18) No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Now the declaration, or the leading forth in words, is simply the explanation, the revelation, of what God Himself is visibly doing, though God Himself is not visible. He's making Himself known. And He's bringing His light, His Word of revelation to the people.

**19** Now you'll notice in here, in the bosom of the Father, that word is like a harbor. Where... an enclosed. The Son is completely enclosed by the Father. There's a completeness there that is a unity that is wonderful to look at, but it is even more than that. It is the thing that Bro. Branham said, that he was in a pipe. A straightjacket.

Now never forget that Jesus was a prophet. This is what people forget and forget and forget. And they forget that David was a prophet king. They forget that Samuel and Moses were part of the great Levitical priesthood that God had ordained. And you will notice that the priesthood was absolutely under a prophet. And you'll notice absolutely that when Jesus came on the scene, not of the Levitical order, he became the order of Melchisedec from the tribe of Judah, even as David went into the temple and ate the showbread. And was perfectly legitimate in doing it.

So now we can see the change of Christ's priesthood, which we're talking about, and see it there, but the main thing we're talking about here, is the fact that William Branham was a prophet, in the mold of every other prophet. Now people of course don't like the thought of a Gentile being a prophet. Well, I have no scripture anywhere, nor does anybody else, that God Almighty has to raise up a Jew to be a prophet. It's not so.

**20** So what we see here in Bro. Branham's ministry is God veiled in human flesh, in a prophet, bringing an end time Omega Message of predestination, even as there was an Alpha bringing forth Is 40:1-8, concerning John the Baptist, and Mal 3:1, and also Malachi 4, turning the hearts of the children to the fathers, which is explained in the Book of Lk 1:17, which we've gone to many, many times.

Now they do not have a clue to this. And if they read it, time after time, it wouldn't do them any more good than a man that I know, whose wife simply couldn't see the Message, he one day locked her in the room and talked to her for two solid hours, and by the time he was blue in the face talking, she was blue in the face from holding her breath in, and you better believe, far as I know, she never made one step to this Message, even to this day. I don't suppose she fights it, but the point is you simply cannot take someone by the scruff of the neck, and put them in a straightjacket, and say, "I'm going to force you to do this." Now you can actually bulldoze people, but you'll wish you hadn't have. It always backfires.

**21** Now that Bro. Branham could actually place himself with Moses, Paul, and then identify with Jn 14:12, and not only that but "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." And singularly reveal himself to be Rev 3:20, was well over their heads, and we wonder if anyone caught it. It is doubtful that those leaders had a clue to anything he said. They simply repudiated him, and believed that they as a group were greater and more capable than he, and they only suffered him because of Bro. Carl Williams. Bro. Branham was to them a disgusting, despised person, and I happen to know, because people sneered about him. In fact Jack Moore's daughter, I understand, sneered one night, with Jackie, and called, "You're a little god, with tin feet," or something. William Branham was not a person that people enjoyed on the grounds of his ministry. They could enjoy him - and remember his ministry was to declare that He was here. And to declare that a person is here, without revealing Him, is the stupidest thing I ever heard of. So it's impossible he didn't reveal Him, and bring forth the Word of the hour.

Now little did they know that in rejecting the messenger and Message, they had rejected God and the restoration of the Word. Loudly proclaiming that they saw, and yet remained blind, their sin remained with them. Now let us face reality. A new Message by a vindicated messenger demands new hearers, new believers, new followers, and doers of the Word. A new Bride was born and is now being formed and fashioned by God alone, and not by man or men.

Now the Judge knocked at the door, but they refused. And even now the scripture is fulfilled. "If a man sin against man, the judge will judge him. But if a man sin against Thee O God, who shall plead for him?" Leaving them without a mediator or an intercessor. Bible distinctly says, "He that receiveth whomsoever I send, receives Me." Then the opposites correct. "Whosoever receiveth not that I send, rejects Me, and rejects the Father that sent Me."

**22** Now, just before we start reading, we're going to go to the Book of Matthew 23, which precedes 24, which is that great chapter on the end time, and in verse [28], it says:

(28) Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

That's these scribes and Pharisees, this last day organization of men, this businessmen, Pentecost. Now you say, "What right have you got to compare them with those people back there?" Because that's what you see! In the Omega, this is what you see. This was the Alpha. And who was it that wrote the big doctrine in the back of the little book? The Full Gospel Businessmen. "You're a Trinitarian, and you're damned, because we say so, we're the Full Gospel Businessmen." And Bro. Branham exposed them all as liars. And the Jesus Only, they're exposed. But they don't believe they're exposed.

They forget Bro. Branham's vision, when Mr. World came by, Miss Oneness, not quite so chic, a little dowdy

according to Miss Trinity, who had cut her hair off, and curled it, and had mush and crud all over her face, and high heel shoes, and skirts past her knees, and all that stuff. Miss Oneness comes by with long hair, long skirts, but buddy she couldn't pass up Mr. World. Oh, when he winked at her, she left Bro. Branham in a hurry. She turned for just a split second and looked back, and then boy she was only too glad she went on.

**23** Now Bro. Branham said, "I am not Oneness." Now why would he be Oneness when Miss Oneness rejected God? Tell me. The next thing he says, "The big revelation under the Seven Seals was there is one God." And the Oneness didn't have it.

How come they haven't reexamined what they believe? "We're Oneness, bless God."

No you're not, you're Jesus Only. That's all. You think they get it? They don't get it. All the Trinitarians went Jesus Only; the Jesus Only bunch stayed that way. I wonder if three percent of the Branhamites have any clue. I can talk myself black in the face, I can read every single scripture that says: "There's one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus."

"Oh Bro. Vayle, you're preaching two gods. Oh Bro. Vayle you're preaching two gods."

Now I can't make this man Jesus God, because he's not! How can you be between something? How can you be between two posts, when there's only one post? Somebody's nuts, and it's not me. Someone's corrupt and preaching the devil's lie, and I'm sure not doing it. Nope, these businessmen, this is this last bunch, they're the Sanhedrin. Yeah, they got together, Oneness and Trinity, and I'm going to tell you something, the Oneness hated Bro. Branham like the Trinity never could. They were glad to see that lying prophet killed. That's the report of one guy anyway.

**24** All right.

(29) Woe unto you, scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,

(30) And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.

(31) Wherefore be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them (that) killed the prophets.

(32) Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. (In other words they're the same stuff.)

(33) Ye serpents, (what did he call them? You serpents, serpent seed.) ye generation of vipers,

Now remember this generation shall not pass away till all these things be fulfilled. That was back in Jesus' day, now it's in our day. And what did he call them? Serpent seed, snakes. And the word 'generation' means 'this kind of people'. The serpent seed generation shall not pass away, now the generation of God will, they're going to get out of here. But this bunch are going to be right here.

(33) Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

(34) Wherefore, behold, I send (to) you prophets,

Now watch. Why would God bother to send this bunch of dirty birds prophets, and wise men, and scribes? Because in there, there's a few sheep. You can't tell a sheep from a goat, Christian wise, looking at them. The Bible says at the end time even the false prophet look just like sheep. In fact some make a better picture. Yup. In fact pretty soon you're going to find people are going to... and the Jews will soon eulogize a lot of their great men above David, they're doing it right now. They're already calling David a sleazebag. Yeah, I was amazed for them, the prophet king David. He wasn't a sleazebag, he was just overly rambunctious. Don't worry, he paid for his sin.

Now Israel judging him, and pretty soon they'll be telling you all about their great men, I suppose the ...?..., they'll bring another ...?... on the scene or something. You know, they vote in a Messiah every so often.

And you talk about the Catholics voting in a pope? And the Jews vote in a Messiah. No wonder a guy said, "If I thought that John the Baptist wasn't Elijah, William Branham would get my vote." Now he's going to vote in an Elijah. Wonder what office I could stand for? The best loved person? You can forget that one. I don't care if they hate me, that's all right by me.

**25** Now he said... Now here you are, your prophets, those that bring the Word, wise men handle the Word, scribes write the Word,

(34) ...and some (you'll) kill and crucify; some (you'll) scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: (Now watch:)

(35) That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, (now watch,) from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

Now that took place at the end time under Titus and all, when God took His hand off. They said, "That the blood be upon us and our children." Believe me it was, oh yeah. And every place they go, there's problems.

(36) Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. (Bunch of serpent seed. See?)

Now watch, to whom did he come? He came to the majority, a serpent seed bunch of people. Loudly proclaiming they were the Christians, that's the ones that believed the Messiah. Loudly proclaiming they were the children of God. That they knew the Word. They were responsible, and they could produce it. Now you're not going to differ from the end time. There's a generation of vipers, they're serpent seed, natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed. Eight people made the ark, all the rest are serpent seed. The poor foolish virgins all killed off. Now,

(37) O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, (O Babylon, Babylon,) stonest them (that) are sent unto thee, how often I gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

Now here the scripture comes and said, "Look, I came even to you, and not one of you listened, but the sheep hear the Voice and they follow Me." Now what does he say?

(38) Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. (Now that's exactly true.)

(39) For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye say, Blessed is he that come in the name of the Lord.

So there's a little seed going to come forth at the end time. And that's what you're looking at now to Israel. [End of side one of tape.] ...last little while.

**26** On page thirty-nine: [Leadership, 12/07/65]

[272] God doesn't deal with organizations, He doesn't deal with groups. He deals with individuals. That's right. Always. Not in groups; individuals, one person. In the last days, He said, "I stand at the door and knock, and if any..." (not "any group") "... any man (singular) will hear My Voice, I'll... and hear Me, I'll come in to him and sup." See, "If any man can hear."

Now the point is this: people can say, "I can hear." Well, prove that you can hear. Give me a miracle. There's

nobody can hear God except a prophet. Many people tell me they hear; at one time I was under the same delusion. The point of the matter is that your auditory nerve can be jingled and jangled by the Holy Ghost, but you're not hearing God. You got to be like Paul, William Branham, Moses, Samuel, men of that particular caliber, great prophets of God.

**27** Now watch. Now watch what he's saying here now.

[273] How could this microphone now produce my voice out there unless it was made thus? (How could I possibly hear and bring you the voice of God unless I'm made a certain way. See?) I could scream against that board, with all my might, but it wouldn't do anything. Because this is ordained, (this microphone, I'm ordained,) and made, and created, (a prophet. The word microphone's there, but I'm changing it, because that's what it's all about.) And if the Word of God is in you from the foreordination of God, in you, "My sheep hear My Voice. And they know My holler. (That's "My cry." They know who it is in 1 Th 4:16, wants to bring a Message across.) A stranger they won't follow." (Now Bro. Branham's telling you flat here, if you're a sheep, you'll listen to him. And if you're not, you won't. "My sheep hear My Voice," see?) See? It's got to be that first. (Now what's the first? You got to go all the way back to the beginning, where your conception was in the mind of God, where your foreknowledge was, followed by election and predestination.) "For all that the Father has given Me, will come," every one of them. See?

Now notice what he says here. Rev 3:21 is William Branham. Now if you're a sheep, you'll recognize that William Branham is the voice of God to the people. That he is God to the people. That he can stand up as a prophet, just like Jesus a prophet, and claim, "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father," because God has declared Himself, or revealed Himself, or appeared in these mighty signs and wonders. See?

**28** [274] Now, he goes on, at life's end here. Notice when he comes to the end of the road.

[275] And we're closing now because it's getting late, twenty-five minutes till ten. Notice. Now, at home that's early. About two or three o'clock we begin to say, "Say, it's getting a little bit late." See? But now, I've preached a many a-night, all night long.

[276] Paul preached this same Gospel in his day, and a young man fell off of a wall and killed himself. And Paul, with that same anointing and that same Gospel, laid his body upon him, and he came to life again. They were interested. The church was being formed. Something was taking place. Notice what had taken place here.

Now the infant church, Bro. Branham said, was formed in 1955, I believe the confluence of those five stars. And he quit praying for America, what? 1956.

[278] This rich man, when he came down, the young ruler we talked about, all religious, and belonged to church and everything, fine, educated, fine businessman, everything, when he came to the end of the road, he began to scream, "There's no where to step!" Where's his leadership? He had been led by his church, which is dead. He had been led by the dead world, and there was nothing for him to step into but what that world had prepared for it: which was hell.

Now Bro. Branham is very seething here in his comments, because he's talking to these people. You can't stand up and run this Message of his, in the light of who he was, and what he himself proved to be, because he was with proof, vindication, God spoke back to him. And he says, "You guys are preparing this world for nothing but hell. But boy you've got it all figured out, when that final step is taken, you're going to find you don't have any leadership."

**29** Now come on, just sit here and think about it. Here's Demos, the great man of love, rich man, another fellow, manufactures plows, he's got a lot of money. Another man said, "Well, I'm probably the richest man amongst

you."

Now we're not just sermonizing here, we're actually looking at God and what He's doing. When they rejected the prophet, God pulled the rug. There's nothing left. See, they still don't believe that "He that receiveth whomsoever I send receives Me," because they don't believe He's going to send anybody. Because "Bless God, He sent the Holy Ghost, and I've got the Holy Ghost, and that takes care of it." Well bless God; prove you've got the Holy Ghost. You're going to talk in tongues? Pbbt. That's the big thing right there, the big talking in tongues. What does that do for them?

**30** Now listen to what he said. Said,

[278] This rich man, when he came down, the young ruler we talked about, religious, belonged to church, everything, fine, educated, a fine businessman, (...?...businessman,) everything, when he came to the end of the road, he began to scream, "There's no where to step!" Where's his leadership? (Somebody led him, his church did,) which is dead.

Now these Pentecostal Full Gospel Businessmen, they're only uttering what their own church believes. And being Trinitarians, they're happy to step on the Jesus Only, and let them know, "We the big shots, ...?... you little Pentecostal Oneness bird, to you forget it. Yeah. We're the big ones. Now we'll play a little snooker with you, a little game of pool with you Oneness, just to show you we're friendly. But you better believe we're going to put all the balls in the pocket. We win all the games. You can play on our tennis court, and you don't have one, but we'll win all the games. Yeah. Want to come and admire us? Fine, we just love admiration. Well not really, you see we're humble, let you in." I said the right thing first.

[278] Where's his leadership? He had been led by his church, which is dead. He had been led to the dead world, (the world of the dead.)

**31** Remember the world of the dead that Bro. Branham saw? Those women with eyes like cats coming up out of hell, with the eerie "who, who," sound? I saw that on television, at a Danny Kay program. They were painted just like cats, and they came right toward the camera, until nothing but these eyes. Danny Kay played out; he was a Jew by the way. Hollywood places are usually run by them. I'm not a Jew hater; let's just face facts. They still don't know the key to the whole mystery, which is Rome with the gold. They can talk all they want about anybody, but they get that key, they haven't got it. But as I say, I saw them, saw that on TV. Lost souls. See?

[278] There wasn't anything for him to step into but the world had prepared for it: which was hell.

How would you like to stand there and be told that, if you're a Full Gospel Businessman? In other words, this is not just a message, brother/sister; this is a judgment from God. This is a pronouncement, White Throne, it's all over, they don't even know it.

[279] But here comes Moses, a faithful servant who esteemed the reproach of Christ greater treasures than all the riches of Egypt. He came to the end of the road, an old man, a hundred and twenty years old. Walked up on the mountain, and he knew that death laid before him, and he looked over into the promised land. He looked; and laying there by his side, there was his Leader, the Rock. He stepped upon the Rock, and the Angels of God packed him away into Glory, the Glory of God, into the bosom of God. Why? Eight hundred years later, he was still being led by his Leader.

**32** Sheep hear the Voice and they follow. The sheep hear the Voice and they follow. Is that right? And when you step from this life into the next life, you die, the sheep hear the Voice and they follow. People talk about

lights and a lot of things, Bro. Branham talks about the Voice.

[280] We find him over on Mount Transfiguration, standing there with Elijah, talking to Jesus before He went to the cross. Eight hundred years after his death... The one, he esteemed the reproach of his ministry greater treasures than all the popularity of the world and all the money of the world, his Leader was still leading him. Oh, my. He was led! His Leader, He led through the death, the shadows of death. He led to the grave. Hundreds of years later, there he stood again because, as his youth, he had chosen the leadership of the Holy Spirit. His name will be great when there is no more Egypt or treasures. When the pyramids are dust, and when Egypt is no more Egypt, Moses will be immortal amongst men because he accepted the leadership of Christ instead of going the way his church went.

Now he's talking to these men, "You're going the way of your church. You're all assemblies of God. You got too big for your britches, you don't even pass anything but a bit of crumbs to your Oneness brethren, yet they talk in tongues the same as you do. Claim the Holy Ghost." But they're both dead wrong, both dead wrong. Jesus Only is dead wrong, Bro. Branham says so. Even baptize wrong. See, just correcting your baptism doesn't make the difference. It's understanding the truth of the Godhead, which they turned down flat. See, they just don't have a clue.

**33** [281] There's others that did the same thing. Look at Enoch. He walked with God for five hundred years, and then he had a testimony that "He pleased God." God had verified it, and said, "There's no need of you dying, just come up Home this afternoon." And he went up. (Now he's talking of this hour here, and they're talking of the same hour. Hey, there's a bunch of people not going to die.)

[282] And Elijah. After bawling out bobbed-haired women (oh, that must have been a good one,) and everything, as he did in his day, Jezebels with paint on them, after he got so full of it, and had done all he could, and all those priests making fun of him, and everything else, he walked down the river one day. And just across the river were the horses hitched to a bush over there, a chariot of fire and horses of fire. He stepped right on, and threw off his robe to the next prophet to follow him, and went up into heaven. He accepted the leadership of Eternal Life, because it was Christ that was in Elijah. Oh! Yes, sir. (Well that's the anointing, God's Spirit in Elijah.)

[283] What was it? "Follow Me!" Now, you must choose your leader. You've got to choose it, friend. Look in God's looking glass, the Bible, and see where you're at tonight.

[284] A little story. A little kid, one time, lived out in the country. He'd never seen a mirror, and he came into the city to see his mother's sister. She had a home... and the old-fashion homes used to have a mirror on the door; I don't know whether you remember that or not. But this little boy, he had never seen a mirror. So he's playing around the house, and he looked in the (mirror)... "Huh?" He looked at that little boy. And he waved, and the little boy waved. And he pulled his ear, and the little boy pulled his ear. And on like that. He kept walking up, close, and he turned around and said, "Mama! That's me!" That's me. (Now Bro. Branham said, "Look in the Bible and see.")

**34** Well, now, which do you think they said, "This is me," Moses or the rich young ruler? Well they never caught on at all. "We're all Moses, we're all sheep."

[285] What do you look like? What are you following? What have we done? You must choose your leader. Choose today. You choose Life or death. Your choice will determine your Eternal destination, what you choose. Remember, Jesus said, "Follow Me." And you're invited tonight to do so. And to follow Him to Eternal Life you must come on His terms, that's right, His Word. Not upon the creed, not upon the public opinion, not upon what somebody else thinks about It, but on what God said about It.

Now there again you've got the point. What in the world did God say anyway? Well, you're going to have to have

God come on the scene somehow and tell you. Now I realize that they'll throw this in our faces and say, "Well just a minute. You mean to tell me God's got to come on the scene every single time?" That's not what we said. There is a time when the Word is restored. Remember the life keeps going up though the part of the plant keeps dying. There's that little life in there keeps coming up. But there comes a time when the Word must be restored. And that time is the time of the harvest, and the Bible speaks of it, and these same people speak of it. And when the truth, or the true revelation of what they are speaking of comes to them so they can be a part of it, they turn it down flat.

In fact as I've said different times, they were disgusted with Bro. Branham, they did not want to hear him, did not want him around, and the only places he went was when someone like Carl Williams or Jack Moore invited him, or somebody else, and usually those people that invited him wanted Bro. Branham to come because he was a drawing card, and they said, "Well, he'll bring the people, then we'll take care of that."

**35** In other words they were going to use him to their own ends. Well what if Bro. Branham was a true prophet of God? You going to use a true prophet of God to your own end, except that that end be that you believe the Word that he brings? If you're going to use him just to back up your own creeds and dogmas and ideas, my God, I'll tell you what, they're going to pay for it. They'll pay for it. I've often said, you can buy God for nothing at this time and sell Him for billions, but one day He's going to come back and demand interest. He's going to demand payment, and when He does it's going to be a different story.

[285] And to follow Him to Eternal Life you must come on His terms, that's right, the Word. Not upon creed, not upon public opinion, not upon what anybody else thinks about It, but on what God said about It. (The prophet is God to the people.)

[286] You say, "Well, Brother Branham, I know a woman just as good as she can be, and she does this. I know a man that went through this."

In other words now they're all going to match experiences, and tell about the great things that they've done for God, and all the great things that God has done through them. And they're going to just talk and talk and talk and tell you, "Oh hey, I know Bro. Branham had a ministry, oh my, but I'm going to tell you something, it's like this woman..."

**36** Now my wife's a very nice lady, but she does make some terrible mistakes. And one of her biggest mistakes is just being too nice. So we had this woman from, I won't tell you her name, from out West come, and I had the table all set up, my wife could sit by Bro. Branham, I could sit on the other side, and so this woman she figured, well, it would be nice if she could talk to Bro. Branham. So Alison gave her place to her. Stupidest thing she ever did. The woman got a hold of Bro. Branham's ear, "Yip, yip, yip, yip..." about her great ministry of nothing.

So mama blew it, she might not like that, but the fact of the matter is, your niceness doesn't matter to nothing. Not being nice and kind and this and that counts, although that's good, I'm not against that. Like people going to church, that's fine, at least they're not going to a beer parlor or shooting people up. And they go to be better people. That's true. And while they're there, they're likely a little bit better than elsewhere. But the point is: that's not life. You can't hook God up to nature and all the things that are a part of nature. You can't hook God to anything. And you cannot hook to God. It's only if you are a part of God and God hooks to you. Sheep hear the Voice. See? Yup. See?

**37** Now,

[287] I can't help what they did. God's Word, He said, "Let every man's word be a lie, and Mine be the Truth."

Now just a minute. Now this is a statement that would make anybody's stomach turn. If you didn't know who William Branham was. Because he's saying,

[287] I can't help what they did. God's Word, He said, "Let every man's word be a lie, and Mine be the Truth."

Now this could be just a man standing there, saying, "My brother/sister, I refer you to the Bible. When I refer you to the Bible, you're going to get your answers right here. Now I'm not the one going to tell you. But I've got news for you, this is the Word of God. I believe it, generations have believed it. Now it's in here, go to the Word."

**38** They said, "Merciful God, we've been doing that for fifty years. William Branham, I've been doing it longer than you've been alive."

He's not saying that. He doesn't on one hand say, "You mess this up and I mean mess this up. And you're a mess! You're trying to be leaders, you ain't fit to lead! There's nothing leading you! Except the world of creeds and dogmas! You're all going to suffer for it."

No, he comes along and he says, "Here, let every man's word be a lie, and mine be the truth. Now, let's put this with John 14. The ministry proves that I have God speaking in me to you. And anything you say contrary, or anything any man says is a lie."

Say, "Well Bro. Vayle, men can say the most marvelous things."

Oh shut-up. Hi-yi-yi, that's vomit. That's sophism. People pretending they're wise.

[287] You've got to come on His terms, come on His conditions, the Word.

"Well that's what I've been doing, I talk about the blood, I've been speaking tongues, all of these things are mine. Where do you think I got them William Branham?"

He's the man that said, "Nothing outside of this Message will come to life."

**39** [287] You cannot come through creed, ("I'm not coming through creed!") you cannot come through denomination, ("Well, I don't see that's bad.") you cannot mix It like that. ("Who's mixing? I'm in a denomination, but I believe in the Word, they believe in the Word, my preacher says so, I say so, my society does.") There's only one thing you can do: accept It on His terms, ("What do you mean accept it on His terms? That's what I did.") that you're willing to die to yourself and all your thoughts,

Say, "Oh, ho, ho, well Bro. Branham I've been doing that. Man, Bro. Branham you irk me. In fact you talk as though nobody's got anything but you. Man alive. This guy, he's for the birds. My God, can't a man have a ministry and not get puffed up and be an idiot? Can't even talk right, this guy."

You know these guys begin fighting, don't you... you think for one minute that they were just sitting there, "ZZZZ, hey, ZZZZ"? Oh come on, the devil never sat around without jumping into battle with God's people; even take on God Himself. I'm giving you their reaction.

**40** Listen; don't kid me, because I've talked to people. I know a guy who can't take this period, that William Branham had it. And William Branham never ever said nobody else ever had anything, but he said, "This is my ministry, and I am that one, ain't nobody else got it, this is the beginning and the end of it, the next time it goes to Israel." Now they're trying to raise up Joseph or somebody else, and the kid's smart enough to run. In fact, I'd

leave the country, if I was him, to get away from that goof-off stuff. When Bro. Branham said, "If you saw twins, one of them's a phony." You know, the two vines.

Now we've got somebody following Bro... oh come on. There's no more messengers, you've seen your last sign. If there's going to be another messenger, there's got to be signs. You've seen your last sign. "Well the last sign to the last. Two last trumpets." ...?... sixteen more resurrections then, which... See where you go? You go crazy with stupidity. See?

**41** Now he said,

[287] There's only one thing you can do: accept It on His terms, (I'm doing it.) and you're willing to die to yourself and all your thoughts, and follow Him. "Get rid of all the things of the world, and follow Me."

Now this is not a discourse on conduct! It's a discourse on theology, and the Word of God that you dare not even put your tongue to as though you have anything to tell anybody, until you know you're a hundred percent right with the author. Because life and death are in the power of the tongue, and one word changed, that's it.

Now do you think for one minute they worried about that one word or anything else, they worried that William Branham had the Message, they said, "Forget it, the guy's crazy."

That's why Duplessis said, "Judging prophet, he got judged himself. Oh boy, hey, oh that was fun."

One guy called himself a ?prophet?, "Bro. Vayle," he said, "God doesn't smear His prophets across the road."

I said, "He fed them to lions, and they were dung on the ground."

Hey, I've got an idea; let's make God in our image. Now how many hands do you think He ought to have? Now I could never grab enough with two hands, we'll give Him at least four hands, right? I could never run fast enough with two feet, I'll give Him four feet. See where I'm leading? Forget it. Forget it. Let your mind rest; let your body rest. Let your soul rest. If this isn't it, what am I going to do about it? What if your body was born without a certain factor? What are you going to do about it? You may do your dead level best to live, but it that thing is missing and you'll die by the time you're twenty-four, you'll die by the time you're twenty-four. What are you going to do about it? If the world is all a complete mess, and there's only one place in the universe that's fit to live on is the moon, how are you going to get there?

I like the song that "Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed from You O Lamb of God, I come." Just as I am, without a thought, without a plea, without anything. You take me as I am or forget it.

**42** Now God says the same thing at the end time ...?... "Take Me as I am or forget it. We're finished talking, no bargains." Mm-mm. It's the last contract. The One from heaven has spoken for the last time. The next thing is consuming fire, 2 Thessalonians 1, Malachi 4, go through your Bibles, every time you see fire it's the end of the great tribulation, fire. Judgment because of the wickedness of mankind, the rejection of the Word of Almighty God.

[288] I know that's a stern, cutting Message, brother.

Oh, no, that's not stern, we love it, we preach that to people all the time. Yup, come by the Bible, hallelujah. One God, two gods, three gods, not too many more. Oh yeah, we preach the Bible. Oh Bro. Branham." Oh there must have been a lot of gnashing of the teeth that night, or later on there sure had to be, or maybe they just burnt the

tape. I don't know.

[288] That's a stern, cutting Message, brother. But I didn't come here and choose a message to the people just to try to make them sing, shout, or holler. I've been in heathen meetings where they did the same thing. (That's the hollering and the jumping and that.) I'm interested in your life. I'm a servant of God that's got to answer to God someday, and the ministry that God has given me has vindicated itself thousands of times before you.

Oh my. When dying men preach to dying men, they're different. It's different. Presence.

[289] Remember, Jesus said, "Follow Me. Follow Me. Get rid of what you've got, and follow Me."

**43** All right, now what did they come by? They came by the gospel. Everybody has to come by the gospel. And what happened? Back in the days of Paul there was a changed gospel. Now they're coming by another perversion. Get rid of it, don't ever talk about it again, you'll never be dressed as a Bride! Yet Shelley's going to dress everybody as a Bride with his old Pentecostal garbage. And they love it in the Branham Message so-called. And the guy in Tucson will preface anybody's book that defies the Word of William Branham, he's supposed to believe him. You sitting here the same way tonight? You don't really believe? It's up to you. I'm a dead duck. Say, "Bro. Vayle, I thought you were a live eagle." True, but I'm a dead duck. I'm sitting here like fish in a barrel. I've denounced all these things from the letter A to the letter Z, and what have I got? I can't produce anything. Oh yes I can! I can produce William Branham's Message if God's in my heart. See?

**44** [289] "Follow Me. Get rid of what you've got, and follow Me." (Your Pentecostal demonstrations, the evidence and all of these things, put it to one side.) That's the only way to have Eternal Life. That's the only remedy He gave this man, was the only remedy He gave this businessman, it's the only remedy He gives anybody. His choice, He makes His decision, it's perfect every time. And we must follow HIM...

What was his decision? William Branham was part of that decision, Revelation 10, which is the Seventh Seal. Malachi 4, right down the line.

[289] And we must follow HIM, is the only way to have Eternal Life. So the leadership of God is: follow the vindicated...

Now he's hit it. Now in one nutshell he tells and he blows the whole thing plumb of the water.

[289] So the leadership of God (what is it?) is: follow the vindicated Word of the hour by the Holy Ghost.

[290] Let's bow our heads (in prayer):

It doesn't say one more word. So I'm finished. Do what you want. Look I know there are times we get to the place where it's just like I'm criticized so much, "Well Bro. Vayle is all pedantic, it's all in the head, it's just mechanics, so and so."

I don't believe that for one minute. Let me tell you something. If you don't have the perfect mechanics, the dynamics is not going to fall on it. William Branham brought us the perfect mechanics proven by the marvelous dynamics that he had the right to bring the mechanics! Now since the Word is a conduit of the Word of the Holy Ghost, how do you get really full of the Holy Ghost? Piling Word upon Word upon Word of this Message, life, life, life, and more life. "Well Bro. Vayle, I don't know." Well I do know! Because the prophet said so. And if it's not working in you and me, forget it. Be Pentecostal, little more shouting, little more this, do what you want to do, but with outside of that revealed true Word...

**45** Now remember, you could memorize this thing down pat, a hundred percent, quote it just like William Branham, every quote, a photographic mind, everything else, and a tongue that is beautiful. And go to hell with bells on. The point is: do you have a true revelation by the Holy Spirit Himself? Nobody can prove it tonight. The foundation of God stands sure having this seal, the Lord knoweth them which are His, that's all you can do. That's all you can do. You can do no more than believe, and in your believing adding Word upon Word, more and more full of the Holy Ghost. That's the individual and the church, and one day we come to the stature. And by the leadership of God, where that Spirit that's in our midst takes us up, becomes incarnate to us, we crown Him King of kings and Lord of lords. That's a great day coming, brother/sister, marvelous day that lies just ahead of us. Let's pray.

**46** Heavenly Father, thank You for Your time You gave us tonight, we ask You to bless us now in the following service of foot washing and communion, we know Lord that only You can do it, we're asking for Your help, in Jesus Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

#### **47** Communion Service

All right, let's rise at this time, shall we, we're not going to do a lot of reading, I'm just going to read, the brethren come forward, lay the elements out, we'll read the scripture, and then we will just begin the Communion Service. All right. We are at John 13, for the minute.

(1) Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

(2) And supper being ended, the devil having now put in the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

(3) Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

In other words, all things in his hands meant every decision now was up to him. Up to him. As Bro. Branham said, "God actually left him in Gethsemane." The Garden.

So all right. Every decision now is in his hands. Will he ask for twelve legions of angels? In other words, will he use what God gave him? Or will he rely completely upon God now? Be no such thing, he had his heyday, he had his glory day, he escaped out of their hands, he had a great ministry, and he said, "God is in me talking, God is in me doing, I and my Father are one, this is evident." Now the glory, the heyday is gone. Now he's facing this. What's he going to do? Put it right back in the hands of God, he's not going to make one decision, say one thing, or do one thing, it is outside the same permission, the same authority that God gave him. Why? Because he is the obedient Son.

#### **48** Now all right.

(4) He riseth from supper, laid aside his garments; took a towel, and girded himself.

(5) (Poured) water into a basin, began to wash the disciple's feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

(6) Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter (said), Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

(7) (And he) answered him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

(8) (And) Peter (said), Thou shalt never wash my feet. (In other words, Peter esteemed Jesus so highly that he just couldn't believe for one minute that that man could possibly do that. He said, "I can't let you do that." It wasn't that he didn't love him or anything. He loved him too much in a wrong way.) If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. (Well that really got Peter right now.)

(9) (And Peter said,) Lord, not my feet only, my hands and my head. (He said, "If that's the case, give me a bath." He didn't want to miss anything. And you'll find this fellow here may be precipitous, but he didn't miss anything. He's a tremendous person.)

(10) (And Jesus said,) He that is washed need not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

(11) (And) he knew who should betray him; therefore he (said), Ye are not all clean.

(12) So after he washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said, Know ye not what I have done to you?

(13) Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

(14) If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye ought to wash one another's feet.

In other words, esteem people more highly than yourself, and be always happy to do something for somebody, and remember this here is not a necessity wherein you find someone lying in a ditch, you find somebody starving, no it's not that at all. This to me is like those daily kindnesses that we can do, remembering people, just being on the watch out to do something nice for somebody, thinking nice thoughts, saying nice things, doing nice things. Sowing and reaping.

**49** Notice he said,

(15) I have given you an example, that (you) should do as I have done to you.

In other words, if God begins to move on you with great ministry, don't think you're somebody. Don't ever think you're somebody. Big programs, big this and big that. Judas, he already had the money to have a big TV program. Yeah. They're getting very slick now these televisionists. What do you call them? Televangelists, yeah.

(16) Verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

(17) If ye know these things, happy are (you) if (you) do them. (See?)

(18) I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me lifted up his heel against me.

**50** Now what's happening here? This fellow's getting out of complete order, vicious, he's coming against God, he will come against God's people, there's nothing too evil for this fellow to do. He's a make-believer. He's a devil. Yeah. He said, "I've not chosen all of you. There'll be those that they'll come against you. They'll be out to destroy you, take your ministry, take everything you've got, they'll do everything they can to destroy you." That's what Judas did. Judas wanted to take Jesus' ministry, his life, every bit of his influence, everything and all. Oh yeah. He wasn't content to have a ministry that God gave him; he had it. He was only content if he could go ahead and be the queen of the ball. Well he got to the wrong ball, I can tell you that, like that rich young man.

(19) Now I tell you before it come (to pass), when it come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.

(20) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

**51** All right, that's a little lesson on foot washing, and we're not going to read about the communion, because we understand what Jesus said there, having read it many, many times. And then you'll notice after that, after foot washing and communion, Jesus gives the mightiest revelation of God in man and the Godhead in clarity that was ever known up until that time, and was lost for two thousand years, roughly, until Bro. Branham came on the scene and we find the truth restored.

So all right, that's good. Would the brethren come forward then, we'll pray over the elements, and those that are going to partake first, you go ahead. All right, let's bow our heads in prayer.

**52** Heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and commit ourselves to Your care during this service, Lord, that not one of us bear reproach against Thy great Name, or reproach against even ourselves, Lord, on the grounds we had witnessed to what we have no right to witness to, or are witnessing in a wrong way concerning the life that is of Christ Jesus our Savior. Forgive us our sins, Lord, we pray, and any animosities, or any judgments, or anything what we might have within ourselves toward ourselves, toward You, or toward each other, so that we might be at real peace and draw strength from You tonight Lord, as we partake of these elements, also knowing that in the foot washing service we're symbolizing again the fact that there is no one great, the great One amongst us is God Himself and already here, and we ought to in honor prefer each other, and consider each other more than ourselves, and do those things Lord that can be gracious and beautiful in the context of the fact that we are living with each other as brothers and sisters and therefore should expend our time, our energies, and our efforts upon doing those good things which we can do, rather than engaging in anything Lord of any other description. Help us to see that tonight, that we must busy ourselves and be about the Lord's business, for the days are evil, the days are short and the time is running out, and we should redeem the time, Lord, with all the possibilities we have in the Word here, in the power and strength and the might that You give us. So let this be another service of dedication and humility, Lord, unto Thee we give Thee glory, in Jesus' Name, as we pray. Amen.

**53** Shall we at this time. Heavenly Father we thank You for Your kind mercy Lord, and be the grace You've given us, we know that judgment has passed and we have actually Lord passed through the judgment, as Bro. Branham said, and we are grateful for that. We thank You for the atoning of our sins, the utter and complete removing thereof, and the complete exoneration thereof O God, for which we're very, very grateful. We thank You for it, Lord. It's not as though that we have not been chargeable and blamable, but You've said, "Now it's not even laid against you, you didn't even do it." We were tricked into it. And we're grateful therefore Lord for Your Word of exoneration which has come by vindication. May we believe these things Lord, as never before. It's not enough simply to talk about them Lord, but to believe them with every fiber of our being, and consciously look to You Lord at all times until the Spirit of God has a complete right of way in our lives. Guide and direct us tonight as we go home Father, we pray You'll be with us to help us and bring us back tomorrow, and perhaps others also, Father, to worship and call upon Your great Name, Lord, for Thou art holy and worthy. And may we, though we're not looking for any worthiness, may we, because of Your grace and Your marvelous goodness worship You in spirit and in truth, and be commended by You Lord, Whom we love and we know You love us. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, the only wise God, be all power, honor, and glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

"Take the Name of Jesus with you."